

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Pastor Emeritus Richard C. Cosey,
4 Sr., of East St. Louis, who passed away November 27, 2001;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Pastor Cosey was born December 25, 1932, to
7 Isaac and Viola Cosey in Clarksdale, Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, Pastor Cosey came from a large family of
9 children who were reared by their father and loving aunt,
10 Martha B. Cosey, due to the early death of his mother; and

11 WHEREAS, Pastor Cosey was the father of seven children;
12 he married Mamie Moore on June 24, 1961; and

13 WHEREAS, When Pastor Cosey was a young energetic
14 preacher, he preached the Gospel all over the nation, and in
15 August of 1968, he was sent to East St. Louis to become the
16 pastor of Pilgrim Green Missionary Baptist Church; and

17 WHEREAS, While in East St. Louis, Pastor Cosey was
18 employed as a parole officer for the Department of
19 Corrections, Adult and Juvenile Divisions, for 22 years;
20 through his work, he was able to touch the lives of many
21 people; Pastor Cosey was very active and well respected in
22 his city, where he became known as "The Reb"; and

23 WHEREAS, Pastor Cosey will be deeply missed by all those
24 who knew him and loved him, especially his wife, Mrs. Mamie
25 Lee Cosey; his sons, Marvin (Bonnie) Cosey, Richard (Doris)
26 Cosey, Jr., and Dwaine (Laura) Cosey; his daughters, Valerie
27 (Ernest) Ball, Karen (Thomas) Mickens, Deborah (Erwin)
28 Cosey-Lane, and Angela (Mario) Cosey-Haynes; his twenty-seven
29 grandchildren, twenty-six great-grandchildren, and one
30 great-great-grandchild; his stepmother, Cora Berry; his
31 sister, Pastor Mary Alice Freeman; his stepbrother, Jessie W.

1 Berry; his sisters-in-law, Eloise D. Cosey, Mattie Lee Cosey,
2 Geneva Cosey, Lucille Conway, Carolyn (Ulysses) Ward, Rose
3 (Morris) Hatchet, Barbara (James) Perkins, Diane Huesten, and
4 Juanita Moore; his brother-in-law, John (Norene) Moore; his
5 special aunt, Martha B. Cosey; his four godchildren, Tony and
6 Lasalle Austin, Richard Tibbs, and Carmen Reed; two special
7 friends of his family, Otis Betts, Jr., and William
8 Washington; his entire Pilgrim Green Church Family; and a
9 host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; therefore, be
10 it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
13 his family and friends, the death of Pastor Emeritus Richard
14 C. Cosey, Sr.; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Pastor Emeritus of Richard C.
17 Cosey, Sr.